

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 979

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Matthew Scott Fortner of Martin.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Matthew Scott Fortner; and

WHEREAS, Scott Fortner was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fortner was a graduate of Westview High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a member of management at both Wal-Mart and Office Max, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fortner had served ably as the County Commissioner from District 5 for the Weakley County Commission for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, Scott Fortner was an active and devout member of Central Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fortner was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Angela Jolley Fortner; three sons, Matthew Scott Fortner, Jr., Zachary Sean (Kathy) Fortner, and Nicholas Ryan (Whitney) Fortner; his mother, Doris Crane Fortner; his sister, Lynne Fortner (Mike) Albonetti; his mother-in-law, Brenda (James) Harvey; his father-in-law, Larry (Beckie) Jolley; two grandchildren, Lily Beth

Fortner and Sullivan James Fortner; his brothers-in-law, Stephen Jolley and Tommy Jolley; his sister-in-law, Terri Jolley (Steve) Stone; and a host of extended family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wesley and Gladys Fortner and Bruce and Doris Crane; his father, Wesley O'Neil Fortner, Jr.; and his sister, Lisa Fortner (David) Hurst; and

WHEREAS, Scott Fortner leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Matthew Scott Fortner, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Fortner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.